



THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

June 13, 1963

Dear John:

Replying to your letter of June 11th and confirming our discussion of yesterday, it was never intended, in the preparation of the proposed D/NRO-JCS agreement, to alter in any way the basic CIA-DoD-NRO arrangement established by our agreement of March 13, 1963. Nor did I have in mind at this time suggesting any change in the basic policy of handling reconnaissance over foreign territory which, with two exceptions -- overflights of Cuba and [redacted] -- are now carried out by the Operations Division of CIA except, of course, in the case of war or periods of tension.

To the extent, however, that NRO does utilize technical and operational resources of DoD in support of reconnaissance operations, I consider it important that there be a clear-cut and well understood interrelationship among the DoD elements concerned, particularly D/NRO and JCS-JRC. Although I believe that these interrelationships have been functioning effectively in the absence of formal agreements, I consider it necessary to spell out in written form the procedures needed to insure a continuance of this state of affairs. It is for the latter reason that the papers that I sent to you on May 29th had been prepared. In reviewing them after my discussion with you, I agree that it should be possible to achieve the same objective with simpler documentation, and to that end I am asking Dr. McMillan and Dr. Tubini to work up with the JCS a less elaborate form of paper. This agreement, of which you will of course be furnished a copy, will be in conformity with the views expressed above and in your letter of June 11th.

Sincerely,

Honorable John A. McCone

Director of Central Intelligence

OSD REVIEW COMPLETED

NRO review(s) completed.

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